

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The claims have been divided into Groups as follows:

Group I: Claims 1, 2, 6 and 7, drawn to AIN powder and a method of making; and

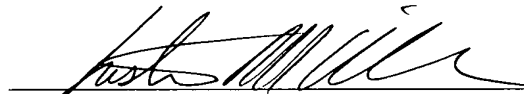
Group II: Claims 3-5, drawn to a sintered body.

Applicants elect, without traverse, Group I, Claims 1, 2, 6 and 7 (drawn to AIN powder and a method of making), for examination.

Applicants respectfully submit that the above-identified application is now in condition for examination on the merits, and early notice thereof is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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